GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT OF WATERWAY FROM COCHIN SEAPORT TO COCHIN AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government to improve the waterway from Cochin seaport to Cochin airport at Nedumbassery;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated expenditure thereon;

(c) whether the Union Government has accorded sanction to the project;

(d) if so, the funds allocated and released therefrom; and

(e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Yes Sir, A proposal for improvement of Cochin Seaport −Airport Waterway through river Periyar and Udyogmandal canal was received from State Govt. of Kerala under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) in the month of March, 2007.

(b): Important elements of the proposal were:

(i) improvement of river portion from Eloor to Kanjoor,

(ii) improvement of Chengal Thodu portion from Kanjoor to Nedumbassery,

(iii) setting up of terminal facilities and passenger jetties and

(iv) construction of new bridges across Chengal Thodu.

The estimated cost of the proposal was Rs.17.00 crores.

(c): The proposal could not be sanctioned by the Government of India since CSS was discontinued by the Planning Commission w.e.f. 01.04.07.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.